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SUMMARY: IN REVIEW OF INDONESIA'S NARCOTICS PROBLEMS
AT PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2, BAKIN CHIEF MAJOR
GENERAL SUTOPO JUWONO SAID DRUG ABUSE AMONG
INDONESIAN YOUTH IS SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH IS
DIFFICULT TO COMBAT, ALTHOUGH PROBLEM STILL MILD
COMPARED TO US. HE SAID INDONESIA LAGGED BEHIND
NEIGHBORS IN PUNISHING DRUG OFFENDERS, BUT
ANNOUNCED THAT PENALTIES UNDER NEW DRAFT NARCOTICS
LAW, AND INTERIM ENFORCEMENT MEASURES, WILL BE
MUCH MORE SEVERE. SUTOPO SAID ASEAN
EXTRADITION TREATY (WHICH ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES
REPORTEDLY REJECTED AT RECENT JAKARTA ASEAN DRUG
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MEETING) WAS NEEDED, AND PROMISED THAT INDONESIA

WOULD SOON RATIFY 1961 UN SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTICS. DRUG ABUSE HAS BECOME MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN IN HIGH GOI CIRCLES, AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESS ATTENTION TO PROBLEM HAVE GROWN TREMENDOUSLY IN PAST SIX MONTHS. FOLLOWING BASED MAINLY ON REPORT IN DAILY KOMPAS OCTOBER 3. END SUMMARY

1. GENERAL SUTOPO (WHO IS OVERALL HEAD OF GOI ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT, AS WELL AS HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING BOARD OR BAKIN) SAID NEW INDONESIAN NARCOTICS LAW, NOW BEING REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, CONTAINS MUCH STIFFER PENALTIES THAN CURRENT 1927 LAW. NEW LAW, WHICH WILL SOON BE SENT TO PARLIAMENT, WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DRUG OFFENSES BY CHILDREN AND WILL REQUIRE URINALYSIS TESTS FOR SUSPECTS. AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE, PENDING ENACTMENT OF NEW DRUG LAW, SUTOPO SAID PROSECUTORS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPLY, (IN PLACE OF OLD DRUG LAW, SECTION 204 OF CRIMINAL CODE WHICH IMPOSES JAIL SENTENCES OF UP TO FIFTEEN YEARS FOR SELLING, OFFERING OR DISTRIBUTING THINGS DANGEROUS TO LIFE OR HEALTH.

2. SUTOPO NOTED THAT INDONESIA HAS LAGGED BEHIND ITS ASEAN NEIGHBORS IN SEVERITY OF PUNISHMENT FOR DRUG OFFENDERS AND THAT COMPARABLE PENALTIES IN ALL COUNTRIES ARE DESIRABLE TO PREVENT TRAFFICKERS FROM PREYING ON COUNTRY WITH WEAKEST LAWS. NEW INDONESIAN LAW WILL HELP CORRECT THIS PROBLEM, HE SAID. REFERRING TO 1961 UN SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, SUTOPO SAID INDONESIA HAS NOT YET RATIFIED TREATY BUT WILL DO SO SOON.

3. SUTOPO COMMENTED THAT EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE IS ALSO HINDERED BY LACK OF EXTRADITION TREATIES WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. (NOTE: SUTOPO HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSED AN ASEAN EXTRADITION TREATY ON BEHALF OF GOI AT ASEAN MEETING ON NARCOTICS IN JAKARTA SEPTEMBER 24-27 (REFTEL); BUT OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS REPORTEDLY WERE UNENTHUSIASTIC.) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS ASEAN SESSION WAS TO BE CALLED "MEETING OF ASEAN LAWYERS IN FIELD OF EXTRADITION"; BUT IN VIEW OF LACK OF INTEREST OF OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES IN EXTRADITION TREATY, NAME

OF SESSION WAS CHANGED TO "ASEAN MEETING FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS." PARTICIPANTS IN SESSION REPORTEDLY AGREED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE AND HOLD JOINTSEMINARS AND EXERCISES ON ANTI-NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT MATTERS.)

4. SUTOPO SAID ILLEGAL DRUG IMPORTS TO INDONESIA ON UPSWING, PARTLY DUE TO STIFFER CONTROLS IN SOME COUNTRIES, SUCH AS US. HE SAID DRUG PROBLEM HERE IS SERIOUS THREAT TO YOUTH, ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL MILD COMPARED TO DRUGABUSE IN US. ENFORCEMENT IN INDONESIA IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT, HE SAID, SINCE DRUGS ARE SMUGGLED INTO COUNTRY IN SMALL QUANTITIES BY INDIVIDUAL OPERATORS, RATHER THAN BY LARGE ORGANIZATIONS. HE SAID MOTIVE OF MOST TRAFFICKERS IS PURE PROFIT, BUT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE SOME PROFITS FROM ILLICIT DRUG TRADE BEING USED FOR "SUBVERSIVE" PURPOSES. (NOTE: IMPLIED AGENT IS USUALLY PRC.) HE SAID INDONESIAN DRUG ABUSE STATISTICS ARE INADEQUATE, BUT CITED FOLLOWING FIGURES FOR KNOWN USERS OF MORPHINE (HEROIN) IN THREE AREAS WHERE PROBLEM MOST SEVERE: JAKARTA 719; RIAU 526; EAST JAVA 183. MOST OF THESE USERS ARE IN 14-25 AGE GROUP.

5. COMMENT: DURING PAST SIX MONTHS, DRUG ABUSE AMONG INDONESIAN YOUTH HAS BECOME A MATTER OF GROWING CONCERN IN GOI, AND THERE HAVE BEEN ALMOST DAILY WARNINGS AND EXHORTATIONS ABOUT NARCOTICS DANGERS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. PRESS HAS GIVEN HEAVY NEWS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE TO DRUG MATTERS, AND BOTH PRESS AND OFFICIAL COMMENT HERE HAS GIVEN INCREASING EMPHASIS TO PREVENTION AND

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TREATMENT ASPECTS, AS WELL AS ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS. ANOTHER INDICATOR OF CURRENT GOI INTEREST IS FACT THAT FONMIN ADAM MALIK MENTIONED PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL DRUGS TRAFFIC IN HIS UNGA ADDRESS OCT 1. GALBRAITH

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